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SUBJECT SHABA AFRICAN FORCE AND ZAIRE RECOVERY EFFORT: BELGIAN  
VIEWS ON THE EVE OF THE PARIS MEETING

REF (A) STATE 139907, (B) SWING-TOWELL TELECON

1. WE MET SATURDAY MORNING JUNE 3 WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S  
CHEF DE CABINET ALFRED CAHEN AND REVIEWED ZAIRIAN DEVELOPMENTS  
WITH HIM FOR THE LAST TIME BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE JUNE 5  
PARIS MEETING, AND SPECIFICALLY SHABA AFRICAN PEACE FORCE  
ALONG LINES REFTEL A.

2. CAHEN SAID THAT BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS HAD BEEN SUMM-  
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ONED TO QUAI, ALONG WITH UK AND FRG COLLEAGUES, AFTERNOON JUNE  
2 AND HAD BEEN GIVEN ESSENTIALLY SAME INFORMATION AS CONTAINED  
PARAS ONE AND TWO OF REFTEL A. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR  
DETAILED CONFIRMATION.

3. CAHEN REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD US ON PHONE LAST NIGHT (REFTEL  
B), NAMELY THAT BELGIAN CABINET HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE DECISION

ON WHEN TO WITHDRAW BELGIAN PARATROOPS FROM SHABA UNTIL AFTER THE PARIS MEETING JUNE 5. CAHEN SAID THE CABINET SUPPORTED SHABA AFRICAN FORCE PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF URGENT NEED TO PROVIDE SECURITY TO SHABA IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE WHOLE ZAIRAIN ECONOMY FROM COLLAPSING. CAHEN SAID THAT BELGIAN DELEGATION WILL GO TO PARIS PREPARED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE WESTERN (INCLUDING BELGIAN) LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN AFRICAN FORCE FOR SHABA, AND SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS HAS SO INFORMED BOTH PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND THE BELGIAN PARLIAMENT.

4. CAHEN SAID THAT BELGIUM "HAS NO OBJECTION TO DISCUSSING" IN PARIS FRENCH CONCEPT OF A BROADER AFRICAN MUTUAL SECURITY PLAN INASMUCH AS THE FRENCH FRAMEWORK FOR THE PARIS TALKS IS BROAD IN SCOPE AND INCLUDES POLITICAL, IDEOLOGICAL, SECURITY, DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC FACTORS IMPINGING ON WHOLE AFRICAN CONTINENT. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT BELGIANS ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT WHAT THEY VIEW AS FRENCH PLANS FOR PROPOSING BROADER, MORE PERMANENT, AND CONTINENT-WIDE SECURITY PLANS.

5. CAHEN STRESSED THAT BELGIAN DELEGATION IS GOING TO PARIS WITH TWO CONCRETE AIMS:

- TO FOCUS ON THE IMMEDIATE, URGENT PROBLEM OF THE SECURITY OF ZAIRE AND ON THE REATIONSHIP OF SECURITY TO ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

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- TO PREPARE FOR THE JUNE 13-14 BRUSSELS MEETING ON THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF ZAIRE, AT WHICH BELGIANS WILL STRESS IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS OF ZAIRE AS AN ABSOLUTE PRECONDITON FOR WESTERN HELP AND SUPPORT.

6. CAHEN AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICALS WHO JOINED MEETING REPEATED IN MORE DETAIL WHAT CAHEN TOLD US ON TELEPHONE LAST NIGHT ABOUT EMERGENCY FOOD REQUIREMENTS OF ZAIRE (REF B). HE SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS IS ASKING FOR US HELP IN COPING WITH ZAIRE'S PRESENT FOOD EMERGENCY. SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD BE BOTH HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL IN NATURE DUE TO THE IMPACT OF NEAR-STARVATION ON ZAIRE'S IMMEDIATE SECURITY CONCERNS. CAHEN SAID THAT KEY PROBLEM IS TO GET FOOD TO KINSHASA AND LUBUMBASHI IMMEDIATELY. BELGIUM IS PREPARED TO SET UP HONEST AND EFFICENT RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN KINSHASA, AND WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH US HOW TO PROCEED IN LUBUMBASHI. HE SAID THAT BELGIANS SPECIFICALLY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH US COORDINATION AND TRANSPORTATION, FINANCING, AND LOCATION OF FOOD SUPPLIES. WE REPLIED THAT WE WOULD REPORT BELGIAN REQUEST AND SUGGESTED THAT RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF BELGIAN DELEGATION TO JUNE 5 PARIS MEETING (MINISTRY OF COOPERATION OFFICIAL

JEAN ELOY) SEEK OUT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANNON  
WALKER IN ORDER TODISCUSS PROPOSAL IN MORE DETAIL.

7. CAHEN SAID THAT ZAIRIAN PRIME MINISTER M'PINGA WILL BE  
IN BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK WITH A TEAM OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL  
EXPERTS. M'PINGA WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS  
JUNE 5 TO DISCUSS STATE OF BELGO-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS,  
INCLUDING THE GOZ'S "USUAL" CHARGES ABOUT ZAIRIAN EXILE  
ACTIVITIES IN BELGIUM. HE ADDED THAT ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC  
AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS WILL ALSO BE MEETING WITH THEIR  
BELGIAN COUNTERPARTS DURING COMING WEEK IN PREPARATION  
FOR JUNE 13-14 BRUSSELS MEETING. DE TARR

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